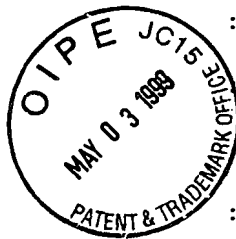


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JUAN A. VILLARREAL-TREVINO
Serial No. : 09/252,875
Filed : February 18, 1999
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING
DIRECT REDUCED IRON WITH IMPROVED
REDUCING GAS UTILIZATION
Art Unit : 1724
Examiner : Not yet assigned



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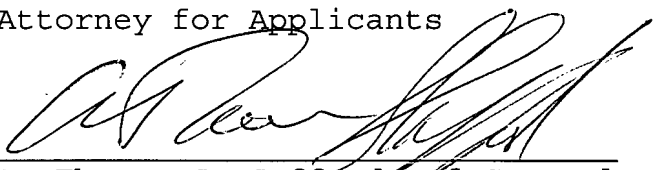
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It is understood that this application is now complete and action on the merits in due course is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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